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#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) Illinois – Two Men Arrested On Charges of Providing Material Support to ISIL**

(U) Zion – Yesterday morning federal agents arrested two men who believed they were helping train and equip fighters for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Joseph Jones and Edward Schimenti had worked out with one claimed extremist at a gym to get him in combat shape and bought cellphones that they thought would be used as bomb detonators. On 7 April, they dropped him off at O'Hare International Airport, believing he was traveling to the Middle East. What the two didn't know was that the supposed ISIL fighter was a US informant and that the FBI had been investigating them for nearly two years after red-flagging social media posts supporting extremists' activities. The two are being charged with a criminal complaint, conspiring to provide material support and resources to ISIL.

SOURCE: 12 April 2017, [Chicago Tribune](#)

##### **(U) Ohio – Inmates Built Computers and Hid Them in Prison Ceiling**

(U) Marion – The Ohio Inspector General says an investigation led to the discovery of two operable computers hidden in a ceiling at the Marion Correctional Institution. Officials say the inmates were using the computers to commit crimes including tax fraud and network attacks. The computers were also being used by an inmate to steal the identity of another inmate to submit credit card applications and commit tax fraud. The computers were also used to illicitly create security clearance passes for inmates to gain access to restricted areas and download hacking tools that could be used in network attacks. The Ohio Inspector General office says lax inmate supervision allowed inmates the ability to build computers from parts, transport them through several prison security checks, hide them in the ceiling, run cabling, and ultimately, connect the computers to the prison's network.

SOURCE: 11 April 2017, [NBC 4](#)

##### **(U) Puerto Rico – Suspects Charged with Trafficking Cocaine**

(U) San Juan - A federal grand jury has charged 26 people with running a \$4 million drug smuggling and money laundering operation from Puerto Rico's international airport. The alleged drug-trafficking ring used the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (LMMIA) to send packages of cocaine to cities including New York and Miami. The operation included a raid on the house of the suspected ringleader, Humberto Concepción-Andrades, who was in the Dominican Republic and was not detained during the raid. His wife, Aimee Monegro-Polanco, was arrested for allegedly laundering the drug trafficking proceeds through a series of bank accounts. The gang included employees of several airlines, staff of an airport restaurant, staff of a cleaning company, airport staff and a UPS driver.

SOURCE: 12 April 2017, [Newsweek](#)

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

##### **(U) Egypt – Church Bomber Identified**

(U) Alexandria – Yesterday Egyptian officials named the suicide bomber who attacked a cathedral in Alexandria as 31-year-old Mahmoud Hassan Mubarak Abdullah, describing him as a fugitive with links to militant cells that carried out previous strikes in the country. This past Sunday Abdullah detonated his

explosives at the entrance to Saint Mark's Cathedral, killing 17 people as mass was being conducted. The interior ministry said in a statement that Abdullah had been a resident of Suez province and used to work for a petroleum company. The interior ministry said Abdullah had links with the militant cell behind the December 2016 suicide bombing on Cairo's main Coptic cathedral.

SOURCE: 12 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Germany – Syrian Arrested Trying to Recruit for ISIL**

(U) Berlin – German authorities have arrested a Syrian man suspected of joining the extremist Nusra Front and then ISIL. They believe he tried to recruit refugees in Greek camps for extremist cells in Europe. Federal prosecutors said the 31-year-old, identified only as Zoher J. in line with German privacy rules, was arrested yesterday in Bavaria. Prosecutors say the suspect founded a Nusra Front unit in 2011 along with two other men previously arrested in Germany. The unit was later dissolved and the suspect allegedly joined ISIL. Prosecutors allege that he traveled to Germany in that function in 2015, and traveled back and forth to Greece.

SOURCE: 12 April 2017, [National Herald](#)

**(U) Turkey – Militants Used Tunnel to Plant Explosives**

(U) Diyarbakir – On Tuesday an explosion in the city of Diyarbakir, which originally appeared to be an accident, was the result of an attack, according to Turkey's Interior Ministry. The interior minister told Turkish TV that explosives had been planted in a tunnel dug beneath the police headquarters. Three people died in Tuesday's blast in the mainly Kurdish south-eastern city. The outlawed militant group the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) later claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack was carried out through a tunnel dug from the outside.

SOURCE: 12 April 2017, [BBC](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) Mexico – Suspect in Border Agent's Murder Arrested**

(U) Sinaloa – The cartel member suspected of shooting and killing Border Patrol agent Brian Terry in 2010 was arrested in Mexico yesterday. The suspect, Heraclio Osorio-Arellanes, was apprehended by a joint US-Mexico law enforcement task force that included the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), US Marshals and the Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC). A \$250,000 reward had been sought for information leading to the arrest of Osorio-Arellanes, who was captured at a ranch on the border of the Mexican states of Sinaloa and Chihuahua. US authorities have said they will seek his extradition.

SOURCE: 12 April 2017, [FOX News](#)

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